

## DR. NICHOLAS BARBON

IN our TRANSACTIONS for the year 1929 there appeared a paper on this early speculative builder, who developed land in the reign of Charles II in St. James's Square, on the site of Essex House, Strand, in Mincing Lane, in Red Lion Square, and in Bedford Row. One of his latest efforts was on the site of Buckingham House, in the Strand. He was also the initiator of Fire Insurance, a projector of Land Banks, and a vigorous apologist for the speculative builder. The paper was reprinted in *The Growth of Stuart London*, which was the Society's publication for 1935.

In the January, 1937, number of *The Architect and Building News* there is an article on Barbon by John Summerson, and the Editor has courteously allowed us to borrow the plates used in the paper, which illustrate more fully than we were able to do at the time the various streets in which Barbon's activities were centred.

These illustrations will be found in the present issue facing pages 654, 655, 658, 659 and 662.